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MANILA FOR BOEKER AND PARSKY - US DEL BANK/FUND MEETING

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SUBJ: STATUS REPORT ON PLEDGES TO IFAD

1. SUMMARY: UN PRESS SPOKESMAN AT THE UN PRESS BRIEFING ON 29 SEPTEMBER SAID THAT FOLLOWING RECENT ADDITIONAL PLEDGES BY THE UK AND IRAN TOTAL PLEDGES TO IFAD IN CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES STOOD AT \$965 MILLION. ON 1 OCTOBER SYG WALDHEIM RECEIVED VIA CABLE A \$3.1 MILLION PLEDGE FROM FINLAND BRINGING TOTAL IFAD PLEDGES TO \$968 MILLION. END SUMMARY.

2. AT THE 29 SEPTEMBER UN OFFICE OF PRESS INFORMATION NOON BRIEFING PRESS SPOKESMAN POWELL MADE THE FOLLOWING REMARKS CONCERNING IFAD: "THERE HAVE BEEN INTERESTING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LAST FEW DAYS. BRITISH GOVERNMENT, SUBJECT TO PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL, RAISING BY THREE MILLION POUNDS CONTRIBUTION TO FUND. IRAN HAS ANNOUNCED IN RESPONSE TO SG'S APPEAL IT WILL PLEDGE \$20 MILLION.

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THE TOTAL PLEDGE TO DATE IS \$965 MILLION WITH ONE BILLION

US DOLLARS THE ULTIMATE GOAL. HANNAH HAS BEEN IN NEW YORK MEETING WITH VARIOUS PEOPLE IN GROUPS AND HAS PROPOSED A DEADLINE OF 60 DAYS TO RAISE THE WHOLE SUM."

3. ON 1 OCTOBER MISOFF CALLED ON DATE NEWELL AT THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL LIAISON OFFICE IN ORDER TO CONFIRM THE ACCURACY OF THE \$965 MILLION PLEDGE FIGURE MENTIONED AT THE UN/OPI PRESS BRIEFING. NEWELL CONFIRMED THAT THE \$965 MILLION FIGURE WAS ACCURATE AS OF 29 SEPTEMBER BUT THAT IT HAD JUST BEEN INCREASED TO \$968 MILLION THANKS TO A \$3 MILLION PLEDGE FROM FINLAND THE SYG HAD JUST RECEIVED ON 1 OCTOBER. NEWELL PROVIDED USUN WITH A COPY OF THE FINNISH CABLE WHICH IS REPRODUCED BELOW AS PARAGRAPH FIVE OF THIS TELEGRAM

4. NEWELL ALSO CONFIRMED TWO OTHER POINTS, NAMELY:

A) THAT THE OVERALL IRANIAN PLEDGE TO IFAD STOOD AT \$124.75 MILLION CONSISTING OF \$104.75 MILLION VIA OPEC AND ITS RECENTLY ANNOUNCED \$20 MILLION SUPPLEMENTARY PLEDGE MADE IN RESPONSE TO SYG'S WALDHEIM'S APPEAL OF 20 JULY.

B) THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE IFAD PREPARATORY COMMISSION IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE FROM 13-16 DECEMBER.

5. "EXCELLENCY, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFERE TO YOUR TELEGRAM OF 20 JULY 1976 ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND, IN WHICH YOU APPEALED FOR ADDITIONAL OFFERS OF CONTRIBUTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN ORDER TO REACH THE DOLLS 1000 MILLION TARGET FOR THE FUND. IN THIS REGARD I AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THA THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT HAS, SUBJECT TO PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL, DECIDED TO CONTRIBUTE 12 MILLION FMKS (BEGIN BRACKETS) \$3,092,783 AT PRESENT RATE OF EXCHANGE (END BRACKETS) TO HELP FILL A PART OF THE REMAINING GAP AND TO ENSURE THAT THE FUND CAN BECOME OPERATIONAL WITHOUT UNDUE DELAY. THE FINNISH CONTRIBUTION WILL BE PAYABLE IN THREE EQUAL INSTALMENTS. ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST

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CONSIDERATION." CABLE IS SIGNED KEIJO KORHONEN, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HELSINKI, FINLAND.
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